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## Data Processing and Performance Expert | Lead of Cloud Computing

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I do research in high-performance and heterogeneous computing and apply it to architect online systems for scientific instrumentation. With improvements in detector technology, I believe new approaches are required to keep pace with the increasing data rates. Codesign of hardware, software, and analysis algorithms is often a key to successful projects. Currently, I lead an effort to adopt cloud technologies for data acquisition and control systems.

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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High performance computing  
Distributed data acquisition and control systems  
Performance analysis and software optimization techniques  
Parallel algorithms and parallel hardware architectures  
Low-latency communication in heterogeneous systems  
Cloud-based data management and visualization

## EMPLOYMENT

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Since 2013	<b>Data processing and performance expert</b> at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology: High-performance instrumentation for large-scale scientific experiments
2007 – 2012	<b>Postdoctoral researcher</b> at KIT: Data management & software optimization
2005 – 2007	<b>Researcher</b> at Yerevan Physics Institute: DAQ for particle detector networks
2002 – 2005	<b>Associate researcher</b> at Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe
2001 – 2002	<b>Software engineer</b> at Yerevan Physics Institute

## EDUCATION

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July 2006	PhD in Computer Engineering “Data Exchange Solution for Distributed Data Acquisition Systems and its application for Cosmic Ray Monitor Networks”, National Academy of Science, Armenia
1996 – 2001	MSc in Mathematics “Data Processing using Neural Networks”, Moscow State University, Russia

## ACADEMIC TRACK RECORD

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<b>Experiments</b>	Member of <i>KATRIN</i> , <i>PANDA</i> , <i>ASEC</i> collaborations; contributed to <i>CMS</i> and <i>KIT Cube</i>
<b>Collaborations</b>	<i>ESRF</i> , <i>CCPi</i> , <i>Desy</i> , <i>TPU</i> , <i>SCI</i> , <i>SEVAN</i> , <i>YerPhI</i>
<b>Funding</b>	Contributing author to BMBF grants 01DK13019 (15 k€), 05K10CKB and 05K10VKE (2.5 m€ total), 200 k€ in further infrastructure funding
<b>Projects</b>	Maintain 5 software frameworks, coordinated and developed - 12; 7 are in active use in major facilities
<b>Supervision</b>	Supervise 2 PhD students, co-supervised 4 PhD students (2 graduated), 10 Master students and 20 internships
<b>Tutoring</b>	GPU programming tutorials, seminar on parallel programming
<b>Publications</b>	59 peer-reviewed publications, h-rank: 18
<b>Presentations</b>	7 invited talks, 10 conference talks, 15 seminars

## EXPERIMENTS AND COLLABORATIONS

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### Current

Since 2020	PANDA: antiProton ANnihilation in Darmstadt, Germany ( <i>Member</i> )
Since 2013	BESS: Battery Technology Center at <i>KIT</i> , Germany
Since 2008	KARA: Karlsruhe Research Accelerator, <i>KIT</i> , Germany
Since 2007	KATRIN: Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino Experiment, Germany ( <i>Member</i> )
Since 2006	SEVAN: Space Environment Viewing and Analysis Network; coordinated by <i>YerPhi</i>
Since 2001	ASEC: Aragats Space Environmental Center, Armenia ( <i>Member</i> )

### Past

2020 – 2021	CCPi: Collaborative Computational Project for Imaging; led by UoM and STFC
2014 – 2018	HZG: Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht, Germany
2010 – 2018	TPU: Tomsk Polytechnic University, Russia
2016 – 2017	CMS: Compact Muon Solenoid, <i>CERN</i>
2016 – 2017	UFO: German-Russian Collaboration on Ultrafast Tomography
2010 – 2017	SCI: Shubnikov Crystallography Institute, Russia
2009 – 2015	KIT Cube: Integrated atmospheric observation system (operated by <i>KIT</i> )
2009 – 2015	KIT Tower: Meteorological tower at <i>KIT</i> North Campus, Germany
2008 – 2014	TOSKA: Test facility for fusion magnets at <i>KIT</i> , Germany
2008 – 2014	ESRF: European Synchrotron Radiation Facility, France

## FUNDING

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2021	(Author) investments for upgrade of <i>KaaS</i> cluster <i>KATRIN</i> (100 k€) <i>KaaS</i> (2021)
2020	(Contributing author) investments to integrate <i>ROCe</i> protocol in <i>UFO</i> DAQ system <i>KCETA</i> (6 k€) <i>RoCE</i> (2020)
2019	(Technical contribution) to <i>MT-DTS ST2</i> subtopic in <i>Matter and Technologie</i> program <i>Helmholtz</i> <i>MT-DTS</i> (2021 – 2027)
2013, 2016	(Technical contribution) projects on collaborative analysis of tomographic datasets <i>BMBF</i> (750 k€) <i>ASTOR</i> (2013 – 2016) <i>NOVA</i> (2016 – 2020)
2012	(Contributing author) networking grant for cooperation with <i>ASEC</i> <i>BMBF</i> (15 k€) <i>ADEI</i> (2013 – 2015)
2011	(Contributing author) <i>Vaporciyan Multivariate Analysis and Visualization</i> (non-governmental grant by Armenian diaspora) <i>Diaspora</i> (100 k\$) <i>VMAV</i> (2012 – 2014)
2010, 2011	(Contributing author) <i>Ultra Fast X-ray Imaging of Scientific Processes with On-line Assessment and Data-driven Process Control</i> <i>BMBF</i> (2.5 m€) <i>UFO-1</i> (2010 – 2013) <i>UFO-2</i> (2012 – 2015)
2009	(Technical contribution) to <i>HDRI</i> ( <i>High Data Rate Processing and Analysis</i> ) initiative in <i>Helmholtz PNI</i> ( <i>Photons, Neutrons, Ions</i> ) research program <i>Helmholtz</i> <i>HDRI</i> (2010 – 2014)

## LEADERSHIP

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Since 2020	Leading efforts to prepare the <i>KATRIN</i> data infrastructure for the <i>Tristan</i> detector Group: 2 PhD 2 students
2018 – 2020	Led development of the <i>KATRIN</i> cloud platform and migration of services Group: 2 Postdocs PhD 2 students
2013 – 2018	Led volume visualization task force in the <i>ASTOR</i> and <i>NOVA</i> projects Group: PhD 5 students

- 2010 – 2018 | Coordinated a program on stewardship of theses for *TPU* students  
Participation: 3 PhD 12 students
- 2010 – 2016 | Led a collaboration with *ASEC* on online data analysis platform  
Group: Postdoc and PhD in *KIT* Postdoc and 2 engineers at *ASEC* 10 students
- 2010 – 2017 | Coordinated a work-package on tomographic software in the *UFO* project  
Group: 3 PhD in *KIT* 3 PhD in partner universities 5 students

## RESPONSIBILITIES

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### Current

- Since 2018 | Data management cloud at *KATRIN*
- Since 2013 | Data management system for *KIT Battery Technology Center*
- Since 2011 | Software stack of *UFO* data acquisition platform
- Since 2007 | Slow control system at *KATRIN*

### Past

- 2017 – 2018 | Transfer of *UFO* Camera technology to *HZG*
- 2010 – 2017 | Parallel computing cluster for *UFO* project
- 2013 – 2016 | Technology transfer to *ASEC* and *SEVAN* experiments
- 2009 – 2015 | Data portal for *KIT Cube* experiment and *KIT Weather Tower*
- 2008 – 2014 | Maintenance and optimization of *KARA* branch of *PyHST*
- 2008 – 2014 | Data management system at *TOSKA* and *CULTKA* facilities
- 2007 – 2009 | Integration of *KATRIN* components in centralized control system
- 2005 – 2007 | Data acquisition and data management at *ASEC* and *SEVAN*
- 2003 – 2005 | Intercommunication between *KATRIN* DAQ and NI fieldpoint devices
- 2001 – 2002 | IT infrastructure of *ASEC*

## SCIENTIFIC AND OPEN-SOURCE SOFTWARE

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### Maintain

- Since 2018 | KaaS: Katrin-as-a-Service data management platform for *KATRIN*  
ands.suren.me KATRIN
- Since 2015 | Bora: monitoring framework for ADEI ecosystem  
bora.suren.me KATRIN
- Since 2011 | Alps: Linux driver platform for fast prototyping of PCIe-based electronics  
alps.suren.me Camera at HZG Camera at SCI Kapture/Kalypso at KARA
- Since 2008 | ADEI: cloud platform for visualization and analysis of time-series  
adei.info KATRIN KARA ASEC BESS KIT Tower KIT Cube TOSKA
- Since 2005 | ADAS: data acquisition system for *ASEC* detectors  
adas.suren.me ASEC
- Since 2003 | RusXMMS: operations with multilingual strings in non-unicode encodings  
rusxmms.sf.net RedHat OpenSuSE Debian Ubuntu Arch FreeBSD

### Supervised and coordinated

- 2015 – 2018 | WAVE: JavaScript volume rendering library based on WebGL  
wave.suren.me
- 2012 – 2017 | UFO: image-processing framework and a collection of GPU-accelerated algorithms  
ufo-kit.github.io KARA

## Contributions

2020 – 2021	CCPi: Tomographic Imaging Project ( <i>performance optimizations</i> ) <a href="http://www.ccpai.ac.uk">www.ccpai.ac.uk</a>
2008 – 2014	PyHST: ESRF tomography software ( <i>DFI algorithm and performance improvements</i> ) <a href="http://pyhst2.suren.me">pyhst2.suren.me</a> KARA   ESRF

## Obsolete

2010 – 2011	MRSES: feature selection algorithm for Intel and PowerXCell architectures
2009 – 2010	DictHW: CUDA implementation of digital image tracking algorithm
2003 – 2009	XMLBench: XML Benchmarking suite

## RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

While the focus of my research is computing technologies, the developed instrumentation enabled major scientific break-throughs achieved by the KATRIN [5] and ASEC [20] collaborations. Below are referenced selected peer-reviewed publications which are either authored by me and my students or where we made a significant contribution.

Since 2011	High-bandwidth data acquisition and data-driven control
2018 – 2019	Fine-tuning of tomographic reconstruction algorithms through micro-benchmarking and performance modeling [3]   UFO   PyHST
2016 – 2017	Participated in a case study on applications of GPUs in the Level-1 track trigger for the next upgrade of the CMS experiment [9]   CMS
2016 – 2017	Designed a platform for synchrotron imaging beamlines with a possibility of online reconstruction and an image-based feedback loop [8], [16]   UFO
2015 – 2016	Researched low-latency communication mechanisms for data-driven control applications [11]   Alps
2014 – 2015	Implemented fast DMA drivers with GPUDirect / DirectGMA support [13]   Alps
2013 – 2014	Reviewed asymptotically fast methods of tomographic reconstruction well-fitted for GPU architectures [15]   UFO   PyHST
2011 – 2013	Researched software architectures for online processing of image streams [18]   UFO
2011 – 2013	Developed a streaming data acquisition platform for scientific cameras [17]   Alps
Since 2007	Parallel architectures, performance analysis, and software optimization
2020 – 2021	Applied methods of approximate computing to enable reconstruction of large datasets using memory-intensive regularization methods [2]   CCPi
2017 – 2018	Researched performance imbalances and a hidden parallelism in GPU architectures and how they can be exploited to speed-up tomographic reconstruction [7]   PyHST
2014 – 2017	Investigated viable compromises between reconstruction quality and parallelization capabilities of tomographic algorithms [14]   UFO
2013 – 2014	Developed parallel algorithms for $\mu$ PIV (micro-particle velocimetry) [6]   UFO
2010	Leveraged the PowerXCell architecture for an MRSES feature selection algorithm (5000x speed-up compared to a MATLAB prototype)   MRSES
2009 – 2010	Optimized the PyHST tomographic reconstruction framework [19]   PyHST
2009 – 2010	Implemented a digital image correlation and tracking algorithm for GPUs   DictHW
2007 – 2008	Carried out a performance study of open-source XML frameworks [22]   XMLBench

Since 1999	Digitization, data organization, and distributed control systems
Since 2019	Researching cloud technologies for highly heterogeneous control systems in large-scale scientific experiments [1] <span style="float: right;">KaaS</span>
2015 – 2017	Researched remote visualization techniques for large and time-resolved tomographic volumes [4], [10] <span style="float: right;">WAVE</span>
2013 – 2015	Researched emerging web technologies for management and visualization of terabyte-scale archives with time-series <span style="float: right;">ADEI</span>
2011 – 2014	Converted the KATRIN data management system into a full flagged platform for time-series exploration and analysis <span style="float: right;">ADEI</span>
2008 – 2010	Developed data management modules of the KATRIN control system [21] <span style="float: right;">ADEI</span>
2007 – 2008	Stabilized the KATRIN slow control system for production use [12] <span style="float: right;">KATRIN</span>
2005 – 2006	Developed a data acquisition system for particle detector networks [23] <span style="float: right;">ADAS</span>
2002 – 2004	Researched network protocols for heterogeneous slow control systems [24] <span style="float: right;">ADAS</span>
1999 – 2001	Evaluated hardware-accelerated neural networks for trigger applications [25]

## SUPERVISION AND TEACHING

### Supervised PhD students

Since 2020 | 2 PhD on adoption of cloud technologies for data acquisition and control systems

### Co-supervised PhD students

2014 – 2018 | thesis “Big Data Management and Visualisation”  
 2013 – 2017 | work on collaborative tools for analysis of microtomography data  
 2013 – 2017 | work on low-latency communication protocols for distributed data acquisition systems  
 2011 – 2016 | thesis “An Extensible Parallel Computing Framework for Ultra-Fast X-Ray Imaging”

### Supervised MSc and BSc students

2014 – 2018 | 5 MSc theses on remote visualization of archives with tomographic data  
 2013 – 2017 | 4 students working on fast DMA interconnects between FPGA and GPUs  
 2011 – 2016 | 4 MSc and 2 BSc theses on advanced algorithms in tomographic reconstruction  
 2010 – 2015 | 10 internships on web technologies for visualization of time series  
 2014 | 2 MSc theses on GPU-accelerated algorithms for nano-particle tracking

### Courses and seminars

2019 | GPU computing tutorial at ARBRA summer school in Nor-Amberd, Armenia  
 2014 – 2017 | 4 student projects at seminar “Advanced topics in Parallel Programming”  
 2013 | GPU computing tutorial at KSETA graduate school at KIT

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- [1] M. Aker *et al.*, *The design, construction, and commissioning of the katrin experiment (preprint)*, 2021. arXiv: 2103.04755.
- [2] E. Ametova *et al.*, *Crystalline phase discriminating neutron tomography using advanced reconstruction methods (preprint)*, 2021. arXiv: 2102.06706.
- [3] S. Chilingaryan *et al.*, “Reviewing GPU architectures to build efficient back projection for parallel geometries,” *Journal of Real-Time Image Processing*, vol. 17, pp. 1331–1373, 5 Oct. 2020. DOI: 10.1007/s11554-019-00883-w.
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## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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### Conferences

- Oct 2019 (invited) “*Accelerating Remote Visualization of Large Tomographic Data Volumes*” at Global Innovation Forum, Armenia
- Oct 2018 (talk) “*Balancing load of GPU subsystems to accelerate image reconstruction in parallel beam tomography*” at SBAC-PAD 2018 conference, Lyon, France
- Okt 2014 (talk) “*Computing Infrastructure for Online Monitoring and Control of High-throughput DAQ Electronics*” at 10th PCAPAC conference, Karlsruhe, Germany
- Sep 2014 (invited) “*UFO – Status and Perspectives of Ultrafast X-Ray Imaging at ANKA*” and “*Fast Reconstruction Algorithms for Computed Tomography*” at SNI 2014, Germany
- Jun 2012 (talk) “*A High Throughput Platform for Real-Time X-ray Imaging*” and “*Advanced Linux PCI Services*” at 18th IEEE Real-Time Conference, Berkeley, CA, USA
- May 2012 (talk) “*A High Performance Platform for Real-Time X-ray Imaging*” at GPU Technology Conference, San Jose, CA, USA
- May 2010 (talk) “*A GPU-based Architecture for Real-Time Data Assessment at Synchrotron Experiments*” at 17th IEEE Real-Time Conference, Lisbon, Portugal
- Apr 2009 (talk) “*Comparison of fast multi-platform XML Libraries: Results for January 2009*” at BenchmarX’09 workshop at DASFAA 2009, Brisbane, Australia
- Sep 2007 (talk) “*Advanced Data Acquisition System for SEVAN*” at SEE 2007 Symposium, Athens, Greece

### Workshops

- Mar 2019 (talk) “*UFO Cloud: Data-Acquisition-as-a-Service*” at Matter and Technologie program meeting, Germany
- Nov 2018 (talk) “*High-Speed Tomography: Fine-tuning back projection for GPU architectures*” at CAMERA workshop, Berkeley, CA, USA
- Nov 2017 (invited) “*UFO - A platform for high data rate instrumentation with GPUs*” at EUCALL GPU/FPGA Workshop at XFEL, Hamburg, Germany
- May 2017 (invited) “*SHAPe: Scalable and Highly Available Platform for Scientific Data Portals*” at ARBRA Workshop, Nor-Amberd, Armenia
- Apr 2017 (invited) “*Tuning tomographic reconstruction for different parallel architectures*” at workshop on Real-Time 3D Tomography, CWI, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Jan 2016 (invited) “*Performance-oriented instrumentation for high-speed synchrotron imaging*” at workshop on Large Scale Tomography, Szeged, Hungary
- Apr 2012 (invited) “*ADEI for Tango*” at Tango workshop, MAX-IV, Lund, Sweden
- Mar 2012 (talk) “*Practical Experience with GPUs for high throughput computing*” at HDRI/PanData workshop
- Mar 2011 (invited) “*High Speed Tomography at KIT*” at meeting on Tomographic reconstruction software, ESRF
- Sep 2008 (talk) “*Advanced Data Extraction Infrastructure*” at FORGES 2008 workshop, Nor-Amberd, Armenia

### Seminars

- May 2020 (talk) “*Real-time reconstruction for synchrotron tomography*” at lunch-and-learn session at University of Manchester, UK
- Oct 2018 (talk) “*Balancing load of GPU subsystems to accelerate back projection for synchrotron tomography*” at ESRF, Grenoble, France
- Apr 2016 (talk) “*ADEI: Intelligent visualization and management of time-series data in scientific experiments*” at Instituto de Física, UNAM, Mexico
- May 2015 (talk) “*Advanced Algorithms for Tomography*” at YerPhI seminar, Yerevan, Armenia
- Sep 2013 (talk) “*Ultrafast X-Ray Imaging of Scientific Processes*” at SCI and TPU, Russia